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In France last year the deaths exceeded the births by 26,000 and the births were 29,000 fewer than in the preceding year. The French nation has a difficult and exceptional problem to deal with in this matter of race suicide.

There is no episode in the Bible that young John Rockefeller likes to expound to his Sunday-school class so well as that of the foolish virgins who found themselves short on oil. It is a subject with which he is particularly familiar.

Canada talks of maintaining an army of 100,000 men, which would be considerably larger than the present regular forces of the United States. As the taxpayers of the Dominion are already heavily burdened the military proposition would merely hasten annexation.

Gov. Hickey of Nebraska believes that a public officer should have rational amusement. When he fires of executive affairs he does a pair of overalls and spends a few days in the country feeding a team thrasher or pushing on the handles of a low-geared plow.

A French-Canadian paper at Montreal argues against annexation, but holds that Canada should have a diplomatic representative at Washington. Ambassadors and the treaty-making power would be practically independent for the Dominion, a subject on which English opinion has not yet been expressed.

He who liches from a bank its reputation for integrity and solvency is worse than the burglar who at night breaks into the vaults and carries away the treasure. The first is the greater enemy of society because he needlessly excites distrust and often brings loss upon the depositors and stockholders of other banks as well.

In behalf of Mr. Keats, the St. Louis fugitive, it is claimed that since he landed in Mexico he has been a good citizen and has invested considerable money in Mexican property. Missouri can not recover the money, but she would like to regain such a desirable citizen, and will guarantee to provide him with a home, board and clothes for a few years at least.

The New York Sun, in an editorial on the result of the municipal election in that city says: "Mr. George Brinton McClellan has been elected mayor of New York. We pledged to Mr. McClellan our earnest and hearty support of every act of his administration of which we shall approve; and in respect to such acts as we may elect to condemn may the Lord have mercy on Mr. McClellan's soul!"

The inquiry of long delays and the practical certainty of being able to defeat justice at last offered by the appellate system—the knowledge that the judicial miscarriage has bred wide disrespect of the law and has encouraged lynching—are preparing the public mind for a frank hearing of such considerations as Justice Brewer advances in favor of an abandonment of the right of appeal in criminal cases.

Speaking of the petition that failed to reach the rear, Secretary of State Hay writes to the representative of the Jewish societies of the United States: "Such an example will not be lost. The oppressor will hereafter pause before he strikes, and the victim will be saved from utter despair by the consciousness that the voice of humanity will be raised in his behalf." Perhaps the moral gain is even greater than if the petition had been received and answered with meaningless diplomatic formality.

A bill has been prepared to be offered in the next session of the reichstag, restricting the sale of intoxicants in the German empire. All saloonkeepers will be obliged to keep on sale non-intoxicating beverages, such as lemonade, milk, tea and coffee, as well as cold foods. The number of barmaids is limited, and there is a strict prohibition of credit. The imperial health office in Berlin has come round to the belief that the use of alcoholic drinks is strongly prejudicial to the welfare of the people.

The United States of Colombia, as a result of its short-sighted policy in relation to the Panama canal, has on its hands a revolt among its own people and can look for sympathy nowhere except among those who are opposed to any isthmian canal. The United States will take no part in the revolution, but will perform its duty, assumed long ago, of preserving order along the Panama railroad and at its terminal ports. When the proper time comes Panama's independence will be recognized, and Colombia will probably get for the canal strip just what it deserves, and that is nothing.

SUMMARY OF THE LATE ELECTIONS

Approximately Close Figures of the Results by States.

TAMMANY REGAINS CONTROL.

George B. McClellan Defeats Seth Low for Mayor of New York City.—Other Results Were Hardly a Matter of Doubt.

The elections of Tuesday did not develop any evidence of radical changes in the sentiments of the voters except in New York city, upon which the interest of the country was focused.

The restoration of Tammany Hall to power under the leadership of Col. George B. McClellan, who defeated Seth Low, fusion candidate for re-election to the mayoralty, was the most notable result of the day's balloting.

The fusion movement was overwhelmed by a plurality of over 61,000, which represents a change of nearly 100,000 votes since the election of Low two years ago.

Below will be found a fairly accurate summary of the results in the several states in which elections were held:

NEW YORK.

New York, Nov. 4.—Geo. B. McClellan (dem.) will be next mayor of Greater New York, having defeated Seth Low, fusion candidate, by a plurality of 61,000. Complete unofficial returns having been received from every election district in the city, the fusion ticket, comprising Edward M. Tamm and Charles V. Farnes, president of the board of education, running for re-election on the democratic ticket, though elected two years ago as fusionists, defeated their fusion opponents by 61,000 and 61,000 plurality, respectively. Comptroller Grant received the city ticket.

McClellan's total vote for mayor was 214,306 to 214,292 for Low.

William B. Devery, independent candidate for mayor, polled only 250 votes in the entire city, getting 2,571 of these in Manhattan and the Bronx, 228 in Brooklyn, 20 in Queens and none in Richmond.

OHIO.

Columbus, O., Nov. 4.—More complete returns indicate that the plurality of Herlick (rep.) for governor, over Johnson (dem.), will exceed 12,000, but that the rest of the republican state ticket will not have a large plurality. As the republicans not only carried the judicial counties and districts, but also some that were conceded to the democrats, the majority on joint ballot in the legislature for the re-election of Senator Hanna is now placed at 95 out of a total membership in both branches of 142, almost three times as many as two years ago, when the republicans had what was considered an unprecedented majority of 25 on joint ballot for the re-election of Senator Foraker. As Senator Hanna had only one majority on joint ballot six years ago, the result in this campaign, the result is generally commented on more as a Hanna victory than anything else.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Philadelphia, Nov. 4.—The latest estimates from the country districts indicate that the republicans state ticket will have majorities ranging from 20,000 to 25,000. Wm. P. Snyder for auditor general, has run slightly behind Wm. L. Patton for state treasurer, while Morrison and Henderson, who were chosen superior court judges, polled a vote almost equal to that of Patton.

In the counties where judges of common pleas court were chosen the republican percentage of victories was far greater than that of the democrats. The closest surprise was in Lehigh county, where Frank M. Trevelyan, a reduced plurality of 1,000, carried the seat of Harvey (dem.). This is the first time in the history of the county that a republican has been chosen as a judge of the common pleas court. The defeat was due mostly to the dissatisfaction in the democratic ranks.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, Nov. 4.—With the exception of the falling off in the vote, the election in Massachusetts very nearly paralleled that of last year. Gov. John A. Bates was re-elected by the republicans by a plurality of 25,419 over Col. Wm. A. Gaston. In a total vote of 154,100, the republicans carried 75,129 plurality.

The vote of the leading candidates was: Bates, 75,129; Gaston, 49,710; but the socialist dropped from 22,872 to a little more than 2,000 and that for the prohibition and socialist fusion candidate remained about the same, the total vote for all candidates fell just short of that of last year, the largest in the history of the state.

With the head of the ticket went the other republican candidates for state offices, as well as seven out of eight members of the executive council, while the lower branch of the legislature shows a republican gain of two members, the senate remaining unchanged.

MARYLAND.

Baltimore, Nov. 4.—The returns Wednesday morning from 24 precincts of the 36 in Baltimore city have been counted and they show a majority of 4,542 for Edwin Wardell, democratic candidate for governor. It is quite certain that the returns from the remaining 12 precincts will increase this lead. Complete returns have not been received from any one of the 22 Maryland counties, but the returns received indicate that there will be a democratic majority of 2,000 in the counties, and that Wardell's plurality in the city and county will probably reach 7,000. The democrats in Baltimore city elect their entire local ticket, including three supreme judges, three orphan court judges, court clerk and sheriff. Chief Judge McSherry, of the court of appeals, is re-elected.

The democrats have elected a substantial majority of the legislature, thus insuring a democratic successor to United States Senator McComas.

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence, R. I., Nov. 4.—The democrats succeeded in re-electing Gov. L. P. C. Garvin, although by a reduced plurality, but the other state officers went to the republicans and that party will also have a working majority in the legislature. Garvin's plurality in 14 out of 122 election districts is 1,500, the vote for the two candidates being: Garvin (dem.), 28,327; Colt (rep.), 27,852. The other republican candidates in the state ticket received pluralities averaging about 2,000. The senate will stand 25 republicans and 18 democrats, and the house 26 republicans and 23 democrats.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 4.—Returns received from 33 counties, a number of which are incomplete, give Gov. Beckham, democratic candidate for governor, a majority of 25,000. These figures, however, do not indicate his real majority for the reason that most of the 26 counties remaining to be heard from are normally republican. Eleven of these counties are in the Eleventh district and each will give a majority of 500 or more. Many of the other counties are mountain counties in remote sections and it may be two or three days before complete unofficial returns are obtained.

COLORADO.

Denver, Nov. 4.—Unofficial returns from all the counties in the state indicate that Chief Justice John Campbell (rep.) has been re-elected to the supreme court by a plurality approximating 5,000. They also show that he carried in the neighborhood of 50 out of 69 counties. The plurality of William H. Bennett, in Denver, is over 2,000, but the republicans charge wholesale fraud and claim that a fair count will give Denver to Campbell. Owens, the people's party, candidate for supreme judge, in several counties ran second and polled close to 10,000 votes in the state. In the two districts where federal elections were held, republicans were re-elected.

NEBRASKA.

Omaha, Nov. 4.—Judge Barnes, (rep.), is elected supreme judge over Judge Sullivan, the present incumbent, by a plurality that may reach 3,000. The rest of the republican state ticket is elected by 20,000, Barnes running considerably better than the other candidates. These figures are conceded by the democrats. In Douglas county the democrats elect county clerk and probably one other candidate on their ticket, and the republicans secure the remainder of the remainder of the candidates. On the judiciary ticket the republicans elected at least five of six candidates for the district bench.

CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Nov. 4.—Election returns fully indicate that the majority victory has been won by Eugene F. Schmitz (union labor). The present incumbent, whose plurality in the partial count is now 2,451 over Henry J. Crocker, republican candidate. The union labor and democratic parties have captured nearly every office as far as the returns show, though the republicans may yet win the positions of auditor, city attorney, tax collector, treasurer and county clerk. The democrats will fill the assessor's and chief clerk offices and have a majority on the board of supervisors.

IOWA.

Des Moines, Ia., Nov. 4.—Returns keep coming in very slowly, but from the counties as far as the returns at hand show, "Curmudgeon" plurality will be reduced from 22,000 two years ago to 10,000. The democrats have made decided gains in the legislative districts. The gain of the first time in many years the number of democrats will be over 20 and possibly 30. The gains in the legislature made by the democrats is entirely due to local differences. The vote throughout the state was exceedingly light, particularly in the cities.

NEW JERSEY.

Trenton, N. J., Nov. 4.—Revised returns from New Jersey show that the republicans have carried Middlesex county, for both senator and assemblymen. This will make the senate stand 10 republicans to 2 democrats, the same as last year's representation. The gain of three assemblymen by the democrats in Union county is offset by losses in other counties. The representation in the house in 1902 will be the same as last year—25 republicans and 22 democrats.

HAWAII.

Honolulu, Nov. 4.—The county elections were held throughout the territory Tuesday and a return is coming in slowly. So far as the returns have been received Oahu will go slightly republican. Complete returns from Kauai show that nearly all the republican candidates have been elected.

UTAH.

Salt Lake, Utah, Nov. 4.—Complete returns show the election of Richard P. Smith, republican candidate for mayor, over Frank Knox (rep.) by 2,280 plurality. Of the 13 councilmen the republicans elected nine and the democrats six.

LONDON NEWSPAPER COMMENT.

It is Not Particularly Flattering On the Result in New York.

London, Nov. 5.—Such comment as the afternoon newspapers on the result of Tuesday's election in New York city, expresses it as Tammany's victory.

The Pall Mall Gazette says it gives the world a lesson that "purity is not inherent in the democratic form of government."

The St. James Gazette bitterly assails Tammany, saying the result "is one which every honest person must deeply lament, and proves how powerless is true opinion to make its weight felt under a republican system when it is confronted by the machinery of an unscrupulous organization."

FOR IMPROVING CANALS.

New York State Gave an Overwhelming Majority in Favor of Canal Improvement.

New York, Nov. 5.—New York state gave a majority of nearly 250,000 in favor of the proposition that the state should spend \$101,000,000 for improving its canals.

The plan is to widen and deepen the Erie canal so that it will accommodate barges of 1,000 tons carrying capacity, and to improve the Oswego and Champlain canals.

Under the law, the state will be allowed to issue not more than \$10,000,000 of canal bonds at any time, and the first issue must cover the work for two years. The bonds are to run for not more than 18 years.

The advocates of the proposition declared that canal improvement was necessary for the rehabilitation of the commercial supremacy of state. Unless the state canals are widened and deepened, they asserted it would be but a short time before the railroads would be able to make such transportation rates as they might see fit, and that New York city might be discriminated against.

Laborers Laid Off.

Welch, W. Va., Nov. 3.—The United States Steel Corporation, operating near here, to-day laid off indefinitely 2,000 laborers.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Virginia's Mineral Exhibit.

Virginia proposes to erect a building at the World's fair to show its mine and mineral resources. The building, as proposed, is to occupy a place in "the gulch," the outdoor mining exhibit space. It is to cover an area 150 feet square. The foundations are to be of pig iron, the superstructure of coke and the roof of slate, all from Virginia. The coke is to be fastened to timber studding, which will carry the weight, the coke being merely ornamental. Inside the building are to be shown the different varieties of marble which the state produces, as well as some of its other mineral products. The cost of the building is to be borne by the mineral interests of the state. It is intended to remove the building after it has served in St. Louis to a place on the grounds of the Jamestown exposition, which celebrates in 1907 the tri-centennial of the landing at Jamestown.

Youthful Couple Thrice Married.

Although but 29 years old, Mrs. Maggie B. Kneeling has been twice divorced and three times married, and yet she has had but one husband, F. W. Kneeling, who is only 23 years of age himself. The young couple came to St. Louis from Fort Worth, Tex., the other day, and, after obtaining a license were married by Justice Robert J. Carroll. With them they had their 4-year-old daughter. When Justice Carroll asked the young woman how she had come to change her mind so many times, she declared that she had married her husband each time in order to get rid of him. Neither Mr. or Mrs. Kneeling would tell anything of their previous history, nor of their plans for the future.

Premiums Offered for the Best.

The St. Louis County World's Fair association has covered the county with big posters offering \$400 in premiums to exhibitors of the best specimens of agricultural and horticultural products displayed at a grand farmer's institute, to be held at Saengerbund hall, in Clayton, on Friday, November 20. Corn, wheat, rye, oats, barley, Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, apples, pears, pumpkins, seeds, pecans, hickory nuts and walnuts are included in the premium lists. From these displays an agricultural exhibit for the county is to be selected and turned over to the Missouri World's fair commission for preservation.

Valuable Contributions.

The Missouri Historical society has made some valuable contributions to the Missouri state building at the World's fair. Among these are the original letter of credit from Thomas Jefferson to Meriwether Lewis, portraits of all the governors of the state, and specimens of ancient firearms used in the early days of the republic. Another document to be exhibited is a contract to build a church in St. Louis, undertaken by Pierre L'Esperance Baron, for "1,200 lives in deer skins."

Alien Kidnaper Arrested.

Thomas Costello, alias Murphy, of Omaha, was arrested in South St. Joseph by three policemen, after a desperate struggle, during which he was severely punished. A woman informed the police that he was an associate of Pat Crowe, and was one of the kidnappers of the son of Millionaire Cudahy, of Omaha. Costello made what he said was a complete confession of his part in the Cudahy kidnapping to Capt. McNamara.

Fined for Storing a Wagon.

James Hill and John A. Tinley drivers for a department store, and Ernest H. Treholdt, a driver for the United States Express Co., union men were fined \$100 each in Kansas City for storing a wagon driven by a non-union man, a strike breaker. Notice of appeal was given.

Stockman Killed by Street Car.

While on the way to union station to board a train for home, George Dourbourg, a stock dealer, living at Laguna, N. Y., was struck by a west-bound Olive street car, in St. Louis sustaining injuries from which he died soon after reaching the city hospital.

Elevator Company Formed.

The Gulf Elevator Co., capitalized for \$100,000, has filed articles of incorporation. An elevator, with a capacity of 100,000 bushels, will be erected in Kansas City, and another will be built in St. Joseph.

Charged With Murder.

Nick Davis, Fred Brown, Henry Putney and Goldy Osborne are in jail at Galena, Stone county, charged with the assassination of Tuggey Price, a gambler, who had skinned them in a crap game.

St. Louis Next Year.

Mr. W. G. Sadler, secretary of the National Association of Fertilizer Manufacturers, writes that the association will meet in St. Louis during the World's Fair, the date to be chosen later.

Formerly Missouri Congressman.

Richard Barret, a former member of congress from Missouri, died from heart disease at a hotel in New York city, where he had made his home for the past 18 years.

58TH CONGRESS IN EXTRA SESSION

Assembled in Response to the President's Proclamation.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO-DAY

"Uncle Joe" Cannon Elected Speaker—Interesting Scenes in Both Chambers—Reciprocity With Cuba the Main Object of Session.

Washington, Nov. 10.—The house of representatives, of the Fifty-eighth congress, Monday held its first session, and except for the naming of committees which will follow later, organization was completed. Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois, whose elevation to the speakership was assured months ago, was formally elected speaker and inducted into office.

Ovation to Mr. Cannon.

Mr. Cannon received the applause of democrats and republicans alike when he took up the gavel of authority, the demonstration being most complimentary to the newly-elected speaker. He was at once at ease in the speaker's chair, having filled it so often temporarily during his many years of service in the house. The old officers were re-elected, and the customary resolutions adopted providing for the appointment of a committee to notify the president and senate of the election of a speaker and clerk and a committee to join a senate committee to notify the president of the presence of a quorum in the two bodies. The hour of meeting was fixed for 12 o'clock. The rules of the Fifty-seventh congress were adopted for the Fifty-eighth congress by an aye and nay vote, after a brief discussion, during which the minority sought to secure an increase in the democratic representation on the committee.

Floral Tributes to Members.

The drawing of seats, in which old and new members alike take deep concern, occupied a greater portion of the day's session. A pretty compliment was paid to the leaders and veterans of both sides in this connection, they being permitted to select their seats without drawing lots.

When most of the members had drawn seats messengers began bringing in the floral tributes and placing them on the desks, but the confusion resulting from applause caused the speaker to direct that no more be brought in. Some of those brought in were most elaborate. One piece, made to represent a locomotive, amid laughter, was placed on the desk of Mr. Baker, New York, who offered a resolution that the democratic members do not accept favors or passes from railroads.

Relating to Isthmian Question.

Mr. Hitt (Ill.) offered the following resolution: "Resolved, by the house of representatives, that the president be requested to communicate to the house, if not incompatible with the interest of the public service, all correspondence and other official documents relating to the recent revolt in the isthmus of Panama." It was agreed to.

Bills Introduced.

Among other bills introduced were the following: By Mr. Tawney (Minn.), to prevent the giving of premiums with packages of tobacco.

Mr. Wagner (Penn.), to establish a national military park at Valley Forge.

Mr. Stephens (Tex.), creating a state out of the Indian territory and Oklahoma; providing for the leasing for grading purposes of arid lands; to provide for the equitable distribution between the United States and Mexico of the waters of the Rio Grande river; to open for settlement 505,000 acres of land in the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Indian reservations.

Mr. Mudd (Md.), for the reconstruction of a free ship canal as a means of military and naval defense through the straits of Maryland and Delaware.

Mr. Mayor (Penn.), making \$12 the minimum pensions per month of all pensioners who have reached the age of 63.

Mr. Slayden (Tex.), subjecting goods, wares and merchandise made by convicts to the laws of the state or territory into which they are transported.

Mr. Bartholdt (Mo.), restoring the army canteen.

On motion of Mr. Payne (N. Y.) the house at 3:35 p. m. adjourned.

GOV. YATES' THROAT SORE.

Illinois Executive Has Been Forced to Cancel Several Engagements on Account of Illness.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 10.—Because of the serious condition of his throat, Gov. Yates has postponed for two weeks the meetings which had been arranged in Stephenson, Carroll Jo Deviss and Winnebago counties. Since opening his campaign Gov. Yates has made many speeches, and the effort has left his throat in an irritated condition.